

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES
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Notification of Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)
Mass Change Allotment Increase
December 15, 2016

(Food and Nutrition Services)

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

DATE: December 12, 2016

SUBJECT: **Notification of Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) Mass Change Allotment Increase**

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2017

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The United States Department of Agriculture approved a cost evaluation of North Carolina's Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) project and has mandated the following adjustment in benefits. Effective January 2017, households currently receiving \$121 will receive \$130 and households receiving \$61 will receive \$70. A mass change will be performed to increase the benefit allotment for each SNAP household. Attached is a sample of the notice that SNAP recipients will receive regarding the increase in the SNAP benefit allotment.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

- A. On or before the night of December 31, 2016, NC FAST will perform a mass change on all active SNAP cases with a cert thru date of January 2017 or greater. This change may increase active SNAP households' benefits for the low shelter cost and for the high shelter cost.
- B. The mass change will be performed on active SNAP cases only.
- C. Cases with "Decision on Hold" in NC FAST, will not be updated with the mass change until the decision is accepted. NCFast will post a communication that will provide further instructions.
- D. SNAP households whose rent/mortgage is \$150 or greater will receive a benefit allotment of \$130. SNAP households whose rent/mortgage is \$149 or less will receive \$70.
- E. A notice will be mailed to SNAP recipients by December 30, 2016, notifying them of the change in their benefit allotment.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

This change affects each active SNAP case as of December 31, 2016 with a certification thru date of January 2017 or greater. Each active SNAP case will receive this increase in benefit allotment when receiving their January 2017 issuance of SNAP benefits.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Operational Support Team via email at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Economic and Family Services Section

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Attachment (1)

[EFS FNS AL-24-2016a1](#) (Notice To Simplified Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) Recipients)

